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Re: Application of Noriyuki NAKAMURA, Akira KAWAKAMI and Hideya YAMADA  
**SEMI-HARD MAGNETIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, AND MAGNETIC MARKER USING SAME**  
 Our Reference: Q58984  
 PCT/JP99/04926, filed September 10, 1999

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit the attached papers for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Attached hereto is the application identified above which is a translation of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/04926, filed September 10, 1999, comprising the specification, claims, eight (8) sheets of drawings, Petition for Acceptance of Black and White Photographs under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Preliminary Amendment, Notification Concerning Submission of Priority Document, International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with references, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total Claims	9 - 20 =	0 x \$18 =	\$ 000.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0 x \$78 =	\$ 000.00
Base Filing Fee		(\$840.00)	\$ 840.00
Multiple Dep. Claim Fee		(\$260.00)	\$ 260.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>			<b>\$1,100.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment Fee			\$ 40.00
Petition Fee for Submission of Photographs			\$ 130.00
<b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT FEE</b>			<b>\$1,270.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$ 1,100.00, Petition Fee of \$130.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$ 40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.492; 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

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The Office is invited to contact the above firm on any question which might arise on the above-named application. Any contact that the Office might need to make should be directed to Thomas J. Macpeak, Registration No. 19,292, at (202)293-7060.

Respectfully submitted,  
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